IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL
HOLDINGS, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:19-cv-00626

DEANN T. WALKER, Chairman,
Public Utility Commission of Texas et al.,

Defendants.

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION OF THE MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECEMBER 4 HEARING

The State Official Defendants ("Texas") oppose the United States' Motion to Participate in the December 4 Hearing. In its Motion, the Department of Justice makes no claim that it has any additional or unique information to present to the court in its requested five minutes. *See generally* Opposed Motion of the United States to Participate in the December 4 Hearing. The arguments it presents in its Statement of Interest are duplicative of what has been advanced by Plaintiffs in their briefing, and there is nothing to indicate that the Department of Justice will offer anything useful to the Court in the short time it requested. Additionally, Texas reiterates the concerns outlined in its Conditional Motion for Extension of Time that the Department of Justice appears to be seeking to participate as an intervenor would —by responding to motions and

presenting argument at hearings on motions—when this Court has expressly stated that it will wait until after hearing the Motion to Dismiss to rule on interventions.

Respectfully submitted,

KEN PAXTON Attorney General of Texas

JEFFREY C. MATEER First Assistant Attorney General

DARREN L. MCCARTY Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation

PRISCILLA HUBENAK
Chief for Environmental Protection Division

/s/ John R. Hulme
JOHN R. HULME
Texas Bar No. 10258400
Attorney-in-Charge
Assistant Attorney General
john.hulme@oag.texas.gov

H. CARL MYERS Texas Bar No. 24046502 Assistant Attorney General carl.myers@oag.texas.gov

JESSICA SOOS Texas Bar No. 24093183 Assistant Attorney General jessica.soos@oag.texas.gov Office of the Attorney General Environmental Protection Division P.O. Box 12548, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711-2548 (512) 475-4229 | FAX: (512) 320-0911

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 22, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's CM/ECF system to all counsel of record and via email to the following individuals who have provided their written consent in accordance with FRCP 5(b)(2)(E) to receive service by electronic means:

Mark A. Walker XCEL ENERGY SERVICES, INC. 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1650 Austin, Texas 78701 mark.a.walker@xcelenergy.com

Winston Patrick Michael Skinner VINSON & ELKINS, LLP 2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 3900 Dallas, Texas 75201 wskinner@velaw.com

Jacob Lawler HOLLAND & KNIGHT 2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 3900 Dallas, TX 75201 jacob.lawler@hklaw.com

> /s/ John R. Hulme JOHN R. HULME Assistant Attorney General